



BRAZIL CITY PARKS & RECREATION BOAR

MAY 6, 2009

- **President Ruthann Jeffries called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.**
- **The minutes of the April 8 and 13 meetings were approved.**

- **Treasurer's Report—Linda Messmer**
Non-reverting Fund

Beginning Balance March 31, 2009.....	\$11,781.50
Revenue.....	\$ 69.30
Disbursements.....	<u>(\$1,400.00)</u>
Ending Balance April 30, 2009.....	\$10,450.00

Park & Recreation Fund

Beginning Balance March 31, 2009.....	(\$4,521.95)
Revenue.....	\$583.99
Disbursements.....	<u>(\$14,211.28)</u>
Ending Balance April 30, 2009.....	(\$18,149.24)

The expenditure and encumbrance lists were reviewed. The next tax draw is expected in June. The Clerk's office needs a Spear Corp. invoice for the extra \$1,625 that purchased parts for the slide drains renovation. The check has been sent since Spear would not order the parts until the check arrived.

- Mrs. Jeffries reported that the North Clay Field Trip to Forest Park was very successful. All involved felt the day was exciting and fun. Instruction and information was given with golf, disc golf (Discs were purchased for use by students and others), swimming pool, and tennis. Also, Teresa Akers from Forest Park Elementary used the walking track for her students' activity. Lunch was served to all.
- Mayor Bradshaw opened the Council part of the meeting. Several patrons attended this informational meeting. Roberta Weliever by stating the amount of money the skateboard committee had raised and the fund raising events to be in the near future. She distributed two documents—the extreme sports law and a list of ten items that mainly had to do with satisfying the insurance concerns and the need for a skate park. Other speakers included Chris Reynolds and John Stinson of Forrest Sherer Insurance, Police Chief Dave Archer, several parents, supporters, community activists, several teenagers, and Board members. Mrs. Jeffries thanked all in attendance. Many opinions were expressed, and the Board took no action. The Council then adjourned.

- Mary Yelton had some answers to Board questions about the Born Learning Trail. The Board can purchase new signs for \$110 individually if damaged beyond repair. Also, lighter fluid can take off graffiti. Mrs. Yelton said June 19 is Volunteer Day across the Wabash Valley and thought the park might be interested. After discussion, Linda Messmer motioned to inform Mark Johnson (United Way) to order the signs and stencils for the Born Learning Trail at Forest Park, and park employees and board will do the installation. Seconded by Caroline McCullough. Carried.
- A major problem exists concerning spectator parking at the CYL games. Vehicles are on the grass and on the walking track as well as blocking the street leading to the walking track. Walkers sometimes have to go on the track to get out. This creates a dangerous situation with the walkers and especially children. Solutions were discussed. More barriers will be installed and Mrs. Jeffries will communicate with CYL president, Jeff Stewart for his input on this problem.
- New trash barrels were discussed. A suggestion was to paint the barrels all the same color and stencil a park activity. Indy Bake (Kellogg's) no longer will let the parks have the barrels.
- Mowing has been a problem at Forest Park. Standing water prevents the mowers from getting on the grass without large ruts.
- The Board discussed landscaping at the front of the fountain where the ivy was removed. There was no agreement, and the matter was tabled.
- Linda Messmer motioned to change the closing time of the parks from 11 p.m. to 10 p.m. Seconded by Todd Brackman. The vote was 2-2; therefore the motion did not carry and the closing time is 11p.m.
- Park Superintendent Report—Bill Houck
 - New speed signs (15 mph) will be installed at the entrances.
 - The disc golf baskets and signs are in place, and the course will be finished in the near future. The only additional purchase will be a truckload of sand-gravel mix for the concrete.
- After a report of the basketball light not functioning, it was checked out and was ok. However, after being shut off, it has to cool before turning back on.
- Todd Brackman reported that the flag light at Wheeler goes on and off. Mr. Houck will contact Duke Energy. Also, Mr. Brackman helped in tree trimming at Wheeler.
- The number of tables is at a minimum for the upcoming summer season. He estimated that the parks need ten -8 ft. tables. No action taken.

- Major electrical problems in the little white building and workshop (pavilion) have been cleaned up.
- The long inoperable electrical hand dryer in the women's restroom at the pavilion is working.
- The door to the band shell is being reinforced, and new door hardware has been purchased. This project will be finished very soon.
- The security car fuel pump is not working. Due to the location of the fuel pump in the fuel tank, Mr. Holt will not be able to repair since he has no access to a lift. Therefore, the car will have to be repaired by the Ford Agency. Todd Brackman will call Ford.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Caroline McCullough", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Caroline McCullough, Secretary